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COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW OF THE EXPLANATORY NOTES

HEADING 40.16

(Item III.C.3 on Agenda)

I. BACKGROUND

1. At its 23rd Session, the Review Sub-Committee held a discussion on the timing of the general review of the HS Explanatory Notes and it was agreed that the Sub-Committee should begin this review at its next session (see Annex B/2 to Doc. NR0165E2).

II. SECRETARIAT COMMENTS

2. The Secretariat has reviewed the Explanatory Note to heading 40.16 and has inserted new Items (13) and (14), reflecting a number of commodities of commercial importance, which are classifiable in this heading. It has also added, for clarification purposes, references to commodities in current Items (6) and (9), which are excluded somewhere else in the Nomenclature. This concerns, in particular, specific exclusions of commodities of vulcanised (other than hard) rubber in headings 84.34 (rubber linings), 84.81 (taps, cocks, valves and similar appliances) and 94.04 (water-mattresses).
3. The proposed amendments are reproduced in the Annex to this document.

III. CONCLUSION

4. The Review Sub-Committee is invited to consider the proposed amendments to the Explanatory Note of heading 40.16, as set out in the Annex to this document.

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